

# STAGE NOTES

MAY 2021

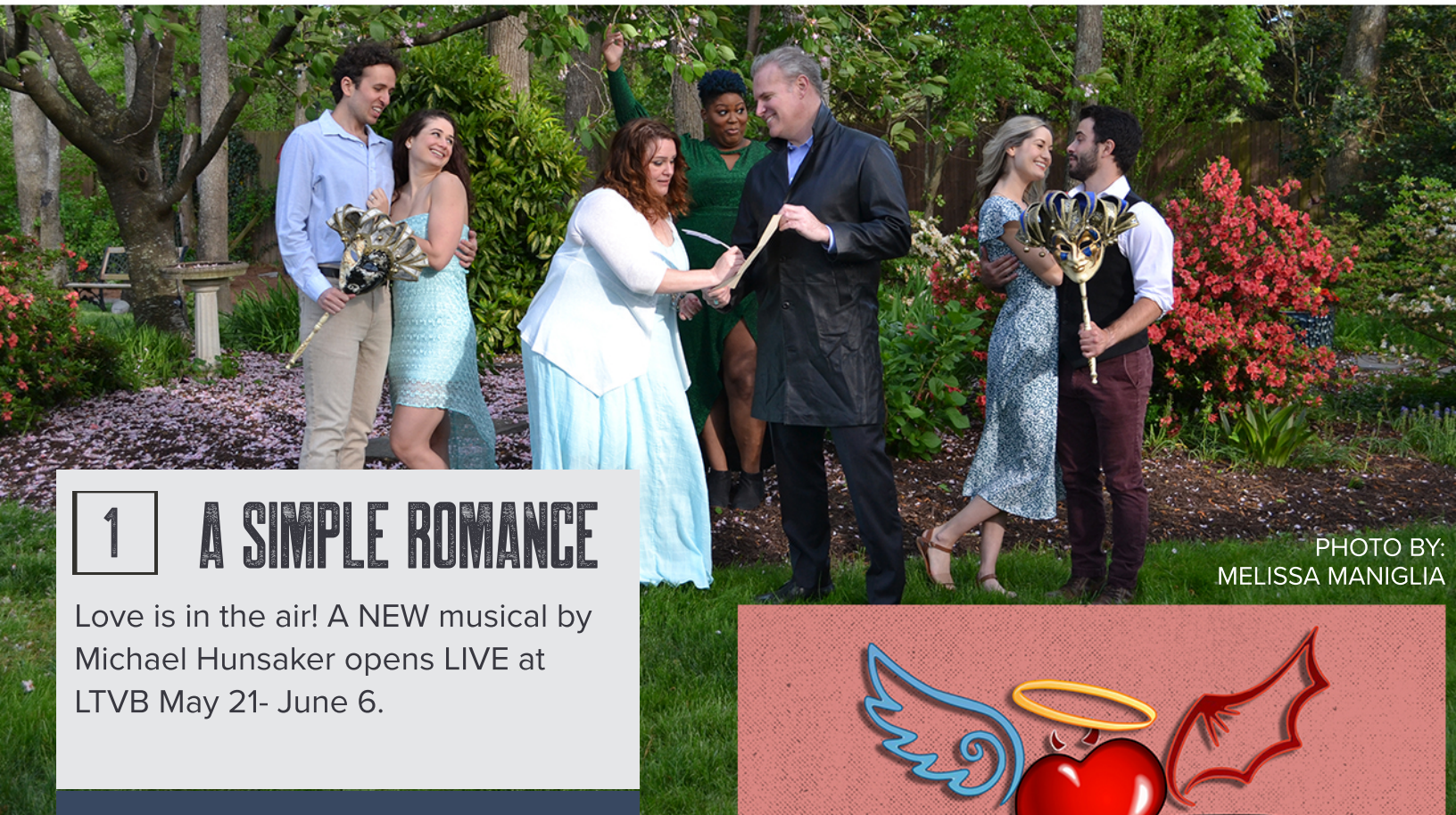


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## 1 A SIMPLE ROMANCE

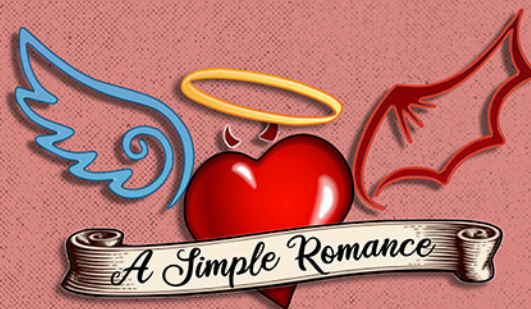
Love is in the air! A NEW musical by Michael Hunsaker opens LIVE at LTVB May 21- June 6.

## 2 2021-2022 SEASON

Check out our full main stage return season and season passes are on sale!

## 3 NUNSENSE AUDITIONS

We're looking for five singing and dancing nuns for our summer musical.



A NEW MUSICAL BY MICHAEL HUNSAKER

## 4 COVID-19 PATRON PROTOCOLS

Know before you go! Read our new safety protocols as we slowly reopen.



# NEW MUSICAL DEBUTS AT LTVB!

## MAY 21 - JUNE 6, 2021



With love in the air and a song in their heart, Little Theatre of Virginia Beach is delighted to premiere *A Simple Romance*, a new musical by Michael Hunsaker featuring an original tale based on Shakespeare's sonnets.

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*"As an unperfect actor on the stage,  
Who with his fear is put besides his part,  
Or some fierce thing replete with too much rage,  
Whose strength's abundance weakens his own heart"*

This passage from Shakespeare's Sonnet #23 pretty much sums up my relationship with *A Simple Romance*. It's basically saying that an actor can forget his lines due to stage fright, or someone with excessive passion can make them weak. I'm half joking when I relate that to how this process came to be but, in every sincerity, *A Simple Romance* is a welcomed challenge. Never did I dream that when I sat down to complete this show in February 2020 that it would be in production a year later. But here we are!

When I was talking with my friend Robert Shirley about Little Theatre of Virginia Beach's upcoming season, I mentioned I had this 5-person musical based on Shakespeare's Sonnets... and before I could even think twice about it, Robert had said they are putting it in the season. How could I refuse? I had performed in Virginia Beach a couple times with Virginia Musical Theatre (*Kiss Me, Kate*, and *A Grand Night for Singing*) so any excuse to come back is a welcome one!

Tackling Shakespeare as a writer/director is challenging because the language is so difficult upon first reading. But I believe with some imaginative staging the story can be made perfectly clear whether you truly grab every piece of poetry that Shakespeare intended. I, of course, have taken some liberties with his actual meaning and spun it to fit this narrative.

2020 was supposed to be my Off-Broadway debut as a writer. Another show I had written, and have been developing for over a decade, was finally going to have its NYC bow... but we all know what happened there. So, I must thank my extraordinary cast, and everyone at Little Theatre of Virginia Beach for this unbelievable opportunity. It truly has kept my soul ablaze through what has been a dark time.

So, until we get back to "normal"... we have now... and I am embracing it. I thank you for supporting live theater and helping us return to a semblance of creativity and life. I leave you with my favorite couplet from Shakespeare's sonnet #43:

*"All days are nights to see til I see thee,  
And nights bright days when dreams do show thee me."*

**-MICHAEL HUNSAKER**  
WRITER AND DIRECTOR

# 2021-2022 SEASON



**SEP. 3-26, 2021**



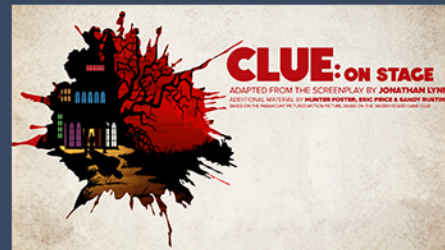
**NOV. 12 - DEC. 12, 2021**



**JAN. 14-FEB. 6, 2022**



**MAR. 11 - APR. 3, 2022**



**MAY 13 - JUN. 5 2022**

## 2021-2022 SEASON PASSES NOW AVAILABLE!

**Adult \$75**

**Senior (60+), Active Duty Military, Full Time Student \$60**

**Five Passes, good from September 2021 thru June 2022.**

**Purchase at [Ltvb.com](http://Ltvb.com) or call (757) 428-9233.**

### LAST CALL!

**Season Passes for THIS season (thru August 2021) are available ONLY until May 15, 2021.**

**Three-pack and Five-pack Passes available. Purchase at [Ltvb.com](http://Ltvb.com) or call (757) 428-9233.**

## AUDITIONS: NUNSENSE

**SIGN UP AT [LTVB.COM](http://LTVB.COM) FOR AN AUDITION APPOINTMENT**

### MAY 17-18 FROM 7-10PM AND CALLBACKS MAY 19

*Nonsense* will be Directed and Choreographed by Karen Buchheim with Musical Direction by Nancy Whitfield.

*Nonsense* is a musical with a cast of 5 singing and dancing characters. Each role is considered a lead with special numbers for each character.

Auditions will be by appointment at Zeiders American Dream Theater at Town Center in Virginia Beach on May 17 and 18 at 7pm with callbacks May 19, 2021 at 8pm. Rehearsals will begin immediately and are scheduled mainly evenings and Saturdays during the day. Those wishing to audition should prepare a 16 bar vocal selection. A pianist will be available to accompany you. You may bring recorded background music without vocals or sing acappella. Cold readings from the script will be requested. Dance auditions will be done at callbacks. Tap dance experience will be a plus. The show opens July 16, 2021 and runs through August 8, 2021 with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sundays at 2:30pm.

# PROTOCOL FOR PATRONS DURING COVID 19

The Board of Directors for Little Theatre of Virginia Beach wants to assure patrons, cast and crew that safety will be our guiding principle.

## PROTOCOLS FOR PATRONS DURING COVID-19

- You do not need to bring your physical ticket to the theatre. The Box Office will have a list of all patrons who have purchased a ticket for each performance.
- Playbills will be provided online and posted in the theater lobby. No physical playbills will be available at the theatre.
- Patrons with special needs should leave a message for the Box Office at 757-428-9233 to arrange for early entrance.

**Please leave a message for the Box Office at 757-428-9233 to exchange your ticket to a different performance if the following applies to you. No one can enter who**

- Has a cough, trouble breathing, or temperature reading of 100.4 degrees or higher (temperatures will be taken at the door).
- Has been in contact with an individual within the past 14 days who has been diagnosed with or has presented symptoms of COVID-19.
- Patrons are required to wear masks at all times in the building, except when consuming a beverage or snack in their seat.
- Temperatures will be taken at the door. Anyone with a temperature reading of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be allowed entry.
- Entrance and exits will be clearly marked to allow for appropriate social distance.
- Patrons will reserve their seats at the time of ticket purchase. Your ticket will indicate your row and seat number. (Seats unavailable for use will be taped off.) Patrons are asked to occupy only their reserved seats.
- Performers will be socially distanced from the audience.
- Free refreshments will no longer be served at intermission.
- The lobby will only be used for check in, to access the bathrooms, and to purchase or pickup beverages and snacks.
- The water fountain will not be available. Patrons may bring an unopened bottle of water.
- Touchless hand sanitizer will be available in the lobby.
- The theatre will open one hour before the start of the show. Seating will be immediately after checking in. This will help maintain social distancing in the lobby.

**THANK YOU FOR ADHERING TO LTVB PROTOCOLS SO WE ALL CAN  
RETURN SAFELY TO LIVE QUALITY THEATER**

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